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Part	Section	Subject	Policy No.	Review Date
Physical Plant	Inmate/Detainee Housing	Inmate Access to Toilets, Wash basins and Showers	2.3.2	
ACA Standards	3-ALDF-2C-08 Inmates Have Access to Toilets and Washbasins 24 Hours Per Day; 3-ALDF-2C-09 Inmates Have Access to Wash Basins With Hot Water; 3-ALDF-2C-10 Inmates Have Access to Shower With Hot and Cold Water; 3-ALDF-2E-08 Toilet and Wash Basin in Food Preparation Area			
Consent Decree	Paragraph 54, Develop Facility Policies and Procedures			

**I. PURPOSE**

To ensure that inmates/detainees have access to toilets, wash basins and shower 24 hours per day while housed in the Department of Corrections (DOC) facility.

**II. POLICY**

It is DOC policy that inmates/detainees practice good hygiene and to this end, all inmates/detainees will have access to toilets, wash basins and shower 24 hours per day.

**III. PROCEDURES**
**A. Toilets**

1. All inmates/detainees confined in cells will have access to toilets without staff assistance.
2. Toilets are provided at a minimum ratio of one for every 12 inmates in male facilities and one for every eight inmates in female facilities.
3. Urinals may be substituted for up to one-half of the toilets in male facilities.
4. All housing units with three or more inmates have a minimum of two toilets.
5. Toilet is available for staff at kitchen.

**B. Wash basins**

1. Inmates/detainees have access to operable wash basins with hot and cold running water in the housing units at a minimum ratio of one basin for every 12 occupants.

2. Inmates/detainees confined in cells have access to wash basins.
3. Inmates/detainees have access to wash basins in housing unit day rooms and other areas of the facility such as exercise yards.
4. Wash basin is available for staff at kitchen.

**C. Showers**

1. Inmates/detainees have access to operable showers with temperature-controlled hot and cold running water at a minimum ratio of one shower for every eight inmates/detainees.
2. Water for showers is thermostatically controlled temperature ranging from 100 degrees to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to ensure the safety of inmates/detainees and to promote hygienic practice.

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